

APPENDIX 1 - FAUNAL REMAINS

1.1 Assessment of the Animal Bone

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Introduction

- 1.1.1 Two fragments of bone (27 g) were retrieved by hand during excavation at Boys Hall Balancing Pond.

Methodology

- 1.1.2 The assemblage was recorded through the use of a simple recording sheet.

Quantification

- 1.1.3 Only one cattle tooth from a tree-throw hole dated as later than the late Iron Age to early Roman ditches was identified to species (Table 11). The other fragment of bone was a fragment of a medium sized (sheep or pig size) long bone found in the middle fill of ditch 62, dated to AD 70-150.

Provenance

- 1.1.4 The bones were not in particularly good condition with a small amount of root damage on the surface of the bone. It is likely that only small number of bones were recovered because of the acidic nature of the soil.

Potential for further work

- 1.1.5 The one identified cattle tooth does not provide any information regarding the site other than the presence of cattle. It is not recommended that further work be done on this small assemblage.

Table 11: Summary of identified animal bones

Context	Interpretation	Period	% of identified fragments	Count	Weight (grams)
			Cattle		
58	Tree hole	Later than LIA - E Roman ditches	100	1	25